

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording medium, having:

a first storage region in which program information describing a procedure for executing a process for establishing a connection to a predetermined server over a predetermined communication network and downloading data from the connected server is stored; and

a second storage region into which the data can be written.

2. A recording medium according to claim 1, further having a third storage region having an ID unique to said recording medium stored therein.

3. A recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the ID is information which can be utilized by said server to manage accounting for the downloaded data.

4. A recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the ID is information which can be utilized by said server to identify a type of the download data.

5. A recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the ID is information which can be utilized by said server to identify a supply source of the download data.

6. A downloading method, comprising:

a readout step of reading out, from a recording

medium having a first storage region in which program information describing a procedure for executing a process for establishing a connection to a predetermined server over a predetermined communication network and downloading data from the connected server is stored and a second storage region into which the data can be written, the program information;

an access step of accessing said server in accordance with the read out program information;

a download step of downloading required data from said server accessed in accordance with the read out program information; and

a storage control step of storing the data acquired by the downloading into said second storage area of said storage medium.